

REMARKS

Applicants have amended claim 1, cancelled without prejudice claims 2 and 3, and added claim 4 for examination and allowance.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-3 were rejected as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,137,789 to Honkasalo (hereinafter "Honkasalo") in view of Applicant's admitted prior art (AAPA).

Applicants have reviewed the references, and believe the amended claim 1 and claim 4 are new and novel over the cited art. No new matter has been added. The Examiner may find support for the amended claim 1 and claim 4 throughout the application, and more specifically, at section IX: Control Channel Structure, in the specification as filed.

REQUEST FOR ALLOWANCE

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that all pending claims in the application are patentable. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of this application are earnestly solicited. Should any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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